

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE BUILDING CODE REVIEW BOARD

Minutes of Meeting

January 13, 2006

Attendance:

Robert Clegg, Chairman, Department of Safety

Jerry Tepe, Board of Architects, licensed architect

Michael Santa, CBO, Governor's Commission on Disability, Architectural barrier/free design

Thomas S Lambert, Chief, NH Association of Fire Chiefs, Municipal Fire

Wayne A. Richardson, NH Building Officials Association, municipal building official

Tedd Evans, Board for Licensing and Regulation of Plumbers, licensed master plumber

James Petersen, PE, Board of Engineers, licensed mechanical engineer

John Tuttle, NH Home Builders Association, Architectural designer - residential

Rick Swain, NH Plumbing & Mechanical Contractors Assoc., mechanical contractor, business

Mark Weissflog, NH Electrical Contractors Business Assoc., licensed master electrician

Excused:

Joel Fisher, Board of Engineers, licensed structural engineer

Absent:

Med Kopczynski, NH Municipal Association

Thomas Malley, Bureau of Electrical Safety and Licensing, licensed master electrician

Fred Baybutt, Associated General Contractors, building contractor - non-residential bldgs.

Wes Golomb, Public Utilities Commission, State energy conservation code office

Laura A. Black, PE - Board of Engineers, licensed electrical engineer

Mark Tibbetts, NH Association of Fire Chiefs, municipal volunteer fire chief

Guests:

J. William Degnan, State Fire Marshal

Mark Hilbert, Chief Electrical Inspector

Lynn Franklin Pierce College

Chair Robert Clegg declared a quorum and called the meeting to order.

GENERAL MEETING:

Adoption of meeting minutes from January 13, 2006.

Motion was made to accept the minutes as written. Wes Golomb **Seconded**. There being no discussion or comments, vote was asked for. **Motion carried** and so declared by the Chair.

Smart Codes - subcommittee report

Mike Santa was not in attendance - no report from sub-committee.

Legislation in the works

Home Improvement contracts (2005 - HB 177):

Generally this bill would make penalties criminal rather than civil as they are now. AG's office fields 4000 complaints of which 1% are from contractors - complaints they do receive are varied. Status on this bill is "LAID ON THE TABLE".

Regulation of home inspectors (2005 - HB 642):

Question is should this Board hear these complaints. The Board's position is not in favor of the bill. Status on this bill is "Public Hearing on February 14th @ 10:00 room 306 of the LOB".

Membership of the State Building Code Review Board (HB 1134):

The Board feels that the current members represent the state well and no change is needed. Status of this bill is "Public Hearing on February 12th @ 1:00 room 306 of the LOB".

Municipal enrollment in National Flood Insurance Program (HB 1330):

Status of this bill is "Public Hearing on January 31st @ 1:00 room 301 of the LOB".

Resolving disputes regarding construction defects homeowners/contractors (HB 1537):

Status of this bill is "sub-committee hearing on Feb 9th @ 10:00 room 302 of the LO".

Handrails for stairways (HB 1653):

Jerry Tepe has indicated in the past that this piece of legislation is not needed. The status of this bill is "Feb 15th before the full House Consent calendar with a committee report of ITL (to be killed)".

International Residential Code (SB 234):

This passed the Senate Committee with a 4-0 vote. Will be a hard fight in the House. Status of this bill is "Feb 9th before the full Senate with a committee report of Ought to Pass".

Regulation of Plumbers and water treatment technicians by the plumbers board (SB 359):

The Energy Code takes precedent over the plumbing code. Status of this bill is Hearing Jan 19th at the State House room 100 at 11:30".

NEW BUSINESS

Board member Tedd Evans brought up HB 1711 the Licensing of Gas Fitters to discuss with the Board. The discussion unveiled the lack of merits for licensing. Discussion of Board members continued on unlicensed inspectors verifying the work of licensed professionals which should be outlawed since licensing is suppose to create a better worker. An untrained inspector is detrimental to that theory. Status of this bill is "Feb 21 @ 2:30 sub-committee meeting in room 306 of the LOB". The Board will continue to monitor this bill.

The Board welcomed new Board member Laura A. Black from Shrewsbury, VT and the expertise and experience she brings to this Board.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business to bring before the Board at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was duly made to adjourn, **Motion** was **Seconded**. **Motion** carried.

Next Meeting Dates: March 10, April 14 and May 12